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MEMORANDUM

TO: Public School Academy Administrators, Public School Academy Authorizers,
and Other Interested Parties

FROM: Joann E. Neuroth, Manager
Public School Academy Program
Office of School Improvement

DATE: August 15, 2008

SUBJECT: Informational Meetings to Learn More About the 2008-2009 Charter School
Planning And Implementation Grant

Earlier this year, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) announced the availability of the 2008-2009 Charter School Planning and Implementation Grant. The program is supported under Title V, Part C, Public Charter Schools Program (PCSP), No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) expects to receive from the United States Department of Education (USED) a grant award of approximately **\$7,978,981** for use during the 2008-09 school year to strengthen the pool of charter school developers in Michigan.

Early stage PSA developers planning for a Fall 2010 opening will be eligible to compete for eighteen-month planning grants with an award date of April 1, 2009. These competitive grant awards will also provide up to \$160,000 in planning expenses; and successful completion of the planning grant, along with acquisition of a charter, will qualify the PSA to apply for further first and second year implementation funding of \$150,000 annually.

Applications for these eighteen-month competitive 2008-2009 Charter School Planning and Implementation Grant Program funding are posted on the MDE's website (www.michigan.gov/charters). The deadline for application is January 15, 2009. The applications will be available and must be submitted through the *Michigan Electronic Grants System (MEGS)*.

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Three public meetings have been scheduled for applicants to learn more about the Charter School Grant and application process. Meetings are scheduled at the following locations, dates and times:

Monday, September 8, 2008

Allendale Campus

Grand Valley State University

Russel H. Kirkhof Center, 2nd Floor, Rm. 2201

1 Campus Drive

Allendale, MI 49401-9403

(616) 331-5000

- 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM--Planning and Implementation Grant

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Wayne Regional Education Service Agency (RESA)

Education Center Building-Rooms 250 B & C

33500 Van Born Road (within the Wayne RESA complex, also at 5454 Venoy Road)

Wayne, MI

(734) 334-1300

- 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM--Planning and Implementation Grant

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

The Center for Charter Schools

Central Michigan University

2520 South University Park Drive

Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859

(989) 774-2100

- 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM--Planning and Implementation Grant

To reserve a place at the meeting of your choice, please send an email to Ms. Sandra Croom, Secretary, in the Public School Academy Program, at: CroomS@michigan.gov at least one business day before the meeting. Ms. Croom may also be reached at 517-373-4631. Please provide your name, organization or school name, contact telephone number, number of people planning to attend (and their names), and the site of the meeting that you will attend. Directions or a map are available for each location.